

REMARKS

Information Disclosure Statement.

The patent cited in the IDS that was indicated by the Examiner to be incorrectly numbered is U.S. Patent No. 3,990,010 to Bennett. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted herewith.

Rejection under 35 USC 112

Claims have been correctly numbered 1 to 8 as provided by the Examiner.

Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to address the wording objection, to address a further wording informality on line 16, and by combination with claim 2 in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Claim 2

Claim 2 has been cancelled.

Claims 3 and 4

Dependent claims 3 and 4 are patentable not least on the basis that they each depend upon an allowable amended claim 1.

Claim 5

Claim 5 has a Paris convention priority date of 12th February 2001 which is before the date(s) of Wang et al. Accordingly, it is submitted that Wang does not constitute prior art citable against claim 5. It follows that the 35 USC 103(a) rejection of Wang in view of Tan must fall away.

Claim 6

Independent claim 6 is believed to be already in a form in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.


Claims 7 and 8

Dependent claims 7 and 8 are believed allowable not least on the basis that they each depend on an allowable base claim 6.

In view of the above, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance. In the event of any fees inadvertently omitted or any improper payment of fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Lucent Technologies Deposit Account No.12-2325 to correct the error now or during the pendency of this application.

If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone conversation would be helpful, please contact Julio Garceran at (908) 582-7294.

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